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a personal message from General Hodes about his concern over the Steinstuecken incident. Trimble, Schwartz, Wellington and myself discussed this with Flinn as well as our other Berlin Access problems. This little exclave of three acres containing about 200 inhabitants is separated from our Sector in Berlin by about 1000 yards of GDR territory. Although we have responsibility for its protection, as far as can be ascertained no American military ~~has~~ ^{have} been there since 1952. However, like all other things connected with this question, information is sadly lacking. The raid upon the village by the Vopos, in the course of which they hauled away a supposed defector and criminal, was initially said to have been participated in by 800 people. The Soviets, in answer to our note of protest, claimed that only one Vopo entered the village and upon finding he was out of bounds promptly returned.

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Denny had lunch with me.

I saw Mr. Abajian and Richard Forschner who had been designated to coordinate within Europe and the Middle East all screening and security activities concerning refugees and escapees.

Joe Dasher brought me a beautiful 2 lb., 12 oz. split bamboo trout rod made by Hardy of London and bought for me at the Rod and Gun Club of Wiesbaden.

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